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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF SILK UNDER O.G.L.
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Silk Board has prepared any scheme for the regulated area participation in the field of silk production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring the silk production under Open General Licence category;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage investment for the development of technology in the silk production?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 476 for 21/12/2000 regardingproduction of silk under O.G.L.:-

(a)&(b) No specific scheme has been formulated by the Central Silk Board (CSB)for the regulated area participation in the field of silk production. However, to augment the domestic production and productivity of silk, CSBsupplements the efforts of the State Sericulture Departments by implementing /or assistinga number of schemes/projects/ programmes and by transferring technologies developed by research carried out in its various research institutions. The main schemes are:

- 36 Catalytic Development Schemes under which assistance is provided to micro projects prepared & implemented by the State Govts in critical areas of the entire sericulture & silk development from cultivation of food plants through to marketing of silk products.

- Madhya Pradesh and Manipur Sericulture Projects for expansion of sericulture with financial assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund.

- UNDP assisted non-mulberry Sericulture Project etc.

(c) & (d) The production of silk does not require any licence in the country. Only imports of raw silk, silk yarn, silk fabrics and silkworm cocoons require licence.

(e) To encourage investment for development of technology in the silk production several schemes are being implemented by the Central Silk Board as part of the Catalytic Development Programme, which aim to promote the use of new technologies and machines for reeling, spinning, dying and processing of quality silk with higher productivities. These include mainly,

i. Promoting multi-end reeling machine and silk reeling package;
ii. Creation of growth centres for production of quality silks;
iii. Common Facility Centres for Handloom silk processing centres;
iv. Support to reeling units

v. Support for quality enhancement for silk sector;
vi. Promotion of resource conservation technology through economic ovens;

In addition, silk industry is covered under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) under which for technology upgradation, loan at 5% point less than applicable rate is available.